

Stevenson, Todd A.

From Giles, Ken P
Sent Tuesday, January 30, 2001 1 32 PM
To Hatlelid, Kristina M , Stevenson, Todd A
Subject: Lead in candle wicks

-----Original Message-----

From: Berniewild@aol.com [mailto:Berniewild@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2001 1 28 PM
To: kgiles@cpsc.gov
Subject: Lead

I'm writing regarding the Lead commonly contained in candle wicks. The CPSC has a meeting scheduled on Wednesday, Jan 30, 2001, regarding regarding this. It is open to the public but as I live in California I cannot attend. I would like to voice my opinion so I hope you are the correct person to write to. It is Petition HP 00-3 Candle Wicks - I support this petition because Lead is a neuro-toxin and is known to especially adversely effect the developing brains and nervous system of children. To allow an easily preventable toxin to be used is putting children at risk and the threat is not small even though a single candle may be. There is no logical reason to allow the use of wicks containing any amount of lead in candles whether manufactured in the USA or in another country, any country. I ask that the petition be granted and implemented immediatly.

Thank You,
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From: donald meserlian <meserlian@msn.com>
 To: <lmartin@cpsc.gov>
 Sent: Monday, January 29, 2001 2:25 PM
 Subject: Fw: VOSI input for CPSC Public Hearing 1/30/01 on HP 00-3 Candle Wicks

HP 00 3 petition can be accepted based on the subject approved standard

Please give this to the CPSC commissioners and explain their legal responsibility to use the VOSI standard based on the enclosed message and the Federal Hazardous Substances Act

Based on this, can the HP 003 issue be settled immediately without a public hearing?

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From: donald meserlian
 To: tstevenson@cpsc.gov
 Cc: plune@citizen.org
 Sent: Friday, January 26, 2001 12:21 PM
 Subject: VOSI input for CPSC Public Hearing 1/30/01 on HP 00-3 Candle Wicks

To: Todd Stevenson Deputy CPSC Secretary & Peter Lurie, MD, Public Citizen

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VOSI recommends that the CPSC adhere to the NTTA law and OMB circular A119 and reference VOSI V50.1 in its approval of the HP-003 petition.

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